NRI Investments

†390. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Non-Resident Indians specially from Mauritius are of the opinion that India herself is progressing towards economic stability and attaining the category of developed countries and therefore non-residents are agreeable to invest in tourism, foreign exchange and exchange of cultural activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. There are very few NRIs in Mauritius. Most of them are Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs).

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

International Conference of NRIs

391. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an international conference of the Non-Resident Indians was held in India during January, 2005; and

(b) if so, the details of the aims and objectives of the Conference and achievement thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. The conference was for all overseas Indians who include Non-Resident Indians as well as Persons of Indian Origin.

(b)The aim/objective of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2005 was to deepen the engagement between India and its Diaspora through focused activities across sectors.

The overall achievement of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2005 was that it re-established Government of India's determination to strengthen the interaction between overseas Indians and India by positioning the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs as the single-point service provider for the Indian Diaspora.

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